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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PROP, KE, US  
SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR HITS SOMALIA FOR "INFRIGEMENT  
OF AGREEMENT"

1. LOCAL PRESS OCTOBER 25 FEATURED REMARKS BY SOVIET  
AMBASSADOR MIROSHNICHENKO AT PRESS CONFERENCE HE CONVENED  
TO MARK FORTHCOMING ANNIVERSARY OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION. PRESS  
REPORTED AMBASSADOR AS SAYING SOVIET UNION DOING ITS UTMOST  
TO RESOLVE AMICABLY CONFLICT IN HORN AND HAS "TURNED ITS  
BACK" ON SOMALIA WHEN AGREEMENTS ON USE OF SOVIET SUPPLIED  
ARMS WERE "INFRINGED". ACCORDING TO PRESS, AMBASSADOR STRESSED  
SOVIETS HAD SUPPLIED ARMS "FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES NOT TO BE  
USED OUTSIDE RECIPIENT COUNTRY." WHEN ASKED WHETHER SOVIET  
UNION WAS CUTTING LINKS WITH SOMALIA, AMBASSADOR ANSWERED  
"WE ENJOYED GOOD RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA AND WE CONTINUE TO  
AID SOMALIA ECONOMICALLY."

2. IN RESPONSE QUERY REGARDING SOVIET-AMERICAN PRESENCE  
IN INDIAN OCEAN, AMBASSADOR SAID USSR SUPPORTS  
"REDUCTION OF MILITARY ARMAMENT IN INDIAN OCEAN" AND  
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DENIED SSR HAS ANY "BASES" IN AFRICA.

3. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR MIROSHNICHENKO, WHO DOES NOT  
MAKE MANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS, PARTICULARLY AFTER FLAK HE  
ATTRACTED IN PRESS AFTER ATTEMPTED DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
IN THE SOVIET UNION, WAS OBVIOUSLY INSTRUCTED TO PORTRAY  
SOVIET UNION AS PEACEMAKER IN HORN AND ASSUAGE KENYAN

CONCERNS RE NORTHERN BORDER EY ASSURANCE THAT SOVIETS  
HAVE CUT OFF AMRS DELIVERIES TO SOMALIA. ALSO, ANY  
STATEMENTS HERE SHOWING SOMALIS AS UNTRUSTWORTHY IS TELLING  
KENYANS WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR. KENYANS ARE WARY OF  
SOVIET INTENTIONS IN HORN AND MATURE ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE  
PROPAGANDA, BUT GOK NATURALLY WELCOMES ANY AND ALL SUPPORT  
IN COMBATTING SOMALI AGGRESSION. AS WE HAVE SAID IN PAST,  
LATTER IS OF FAR GREATER CONCERN O KENYA THAN SOVIET  
INFLUENCE IN HORN.  
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